

residents to obtain and/or maintain occupancy of adequate housing. Any processing or servicing activity conducted pursuant to this subpart involving authorized assistance to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 employees, members of their families, known close relatives, or business or close personal associates, is subject to the provisions of subpart D of part 1900 of this chapter. Applicants for this assistance are required to identify any known relationship or association with an FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 employee. This financial assistance may pay part or all of the cost of developing, conducting, administering, or coordinating effective and comprehensive programs of technical and supervisory assistance which will aid needy low-income individuals and families in benefiting from federal, state, and local programs in rural areas.

(b) The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will provide technical and supervisory grant assistance to applicants without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, or physical or mental handicap.

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§ 1944.502 Policy.

(a) The policy of the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 is to provide Technical and Supervisory Assistance to eligible applicants to do the following:

(1) Provide homeownership and financial counseling to reduce both the potential for delinquency by loan applicants and the level of payment delinquency by present FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 housing loan borrowers; and

(2) Facilitate the delivery of housing programs to serve the most needy low-income families in rural areas of greatest need for housing.

(b) FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 intends to fund projects which include counseling and delivery of housing programs.

(c) State Directors are given a strong role in the selection of grantees so this program can complement FmHA or its

successor agency under Public Law 103-354's policies of targeting FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 resources to areas of greatest need within their States.

(d) FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 expects grant recipients to implement a TSA program and not to use TSA funds to prepare housing plans and strategies except as necessary to accomplish the specific objectives of the TSA project.

§ 1944.503 Objectives.

The objectives of the TSA Grant Program are to assist low-income rural families in obtaining adequate housing to meet their family's needs and/or to provide the necessary guidance to promote their continued occupancy of already adequate housing. These objectives will be accomplished through the establishment or support of housing delivery and counseling projects run by eligible applicants. This program is intended to make use of any available housing program which provides the low-income rural resident access to adequate rental properties or homeownership.

§§ 1944.504-1944.505 [Reserved]

§ 1944.506 Definitions.

References in this subpart to County, District, State, National and Finance Offices and to County Supervisor, District Director, State Director, and Administrator refer to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 offices and officials and should be read as prefaced by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354. Terms used in this subpart have the following meanings:

(a) *Adequate housing.* A housing unit of adequate size and design to meet the specific needs of low-income families and the requirements governing the particular housing program providing the services or financial assistance.

(b) *Applicant or grantee.* Any eligible organization which applies for or receives TSA funds under a grant agreement.

(c) *Grant agreement.* The contract between FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 and the applicant which sets forth the terms and